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In re the Application of: **SUGA, Masato**

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**FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE HAVING DIAGONAL
DIRECTION WIRING AND LAYOUT METHOD THEREFOR**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: September 12, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated **August 29, 2005**, Applicant provisionally elects, without traverse, the species embodying Species I, FIG. 4, covered by claims 1-5 and 15 and Group II, covered by claims 1-2, 6-10 and 15-16. Thus, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, the claims common to both Group II and Species I, namely, claims 1-2 and 15. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims prior to issuance of a patent maturing from the instant application.

Applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Respectfully submitted,

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